



**PATENT**

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For: BIOFIDOBACTERIUM IN THE TREATMENT OF INFLAMMATORY  
DISEASE

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please consider the following remarks regarding the  
above-identified application:

**Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.